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MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAIROBI FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Algeria* and China: draft resolution

Women and children in the process of the elimination of apartheid and the establishment of a democratic South Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1993/45 of 28 July 1993,

Reaffirming the provisions of the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution S-16/1 of 14 December 1989,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 48/159 of 20 December 1993,

Concerned about the grave socio-economic deprivation to which the majority of the people, especially women and children, continue to be subjected as a direct consequence of apartheid,

Alarmed that the politically motivated violence in South Africa, especially in Natal and Transvaal Provinces, which has to date claimed thousands of lives and left hundreds of thousands of people homeless, the majority of whom are women and children, continues to escalate,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

Welcoming the participation of women in the resolution of the problems of South Africa by peaceful means and their full participation in the forthcoming elections and beyond,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on women and children living under apartheid, 1/

Convinced that the present legal system as it relates to questions of substantive sexism that are integral to the problems of poverty, ignorance and disempowerment requires structural changes to be relevant to a new and just South Africa,

Recognizing that the equality of women and men cannot be achieved without the success of the struggle towards a united, non-racist, non-sexist and democratic South Africa,

Commending the continuing role played by the international community and the United Nations, in particular the Centre against Apartheid and the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, in helping South African women to participate fully in the process of establishing a non-racist, non-sexist and democratic South Africa,

1. Commends South African women for resisting oppression and for the role they continue to play in the establishment of a united, non-racist, non-sexist and democratic South Africa;

2. Demands the immediate and unconditional release of the remaining political prisoners and detainees, among whom are women and children, in accordance with the undertaking of the South African authorities;

3. Appeals to all countries and United Nations bodies, in conformity with relevant General Assembly resolutions, to increase their support for educational, health and vocational training and employment opportunities for women and children in addressing the legacy of apartheid;

4. Requests the Centre against Apartheid to further widen and strengthen its cooperation with the department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, with a view to creating specific programmes of assistance to South African women to enable them to participate fully in the process of the transition of their country towards a non-racist democracy;

5. Further requests the international community to provide financial, material and human resources to South African women towards the establishment of special programmes and projects geared to women's integration and advancement at the present time and in post-apartheid South Africa;

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6. Calls upon the Secretary-General to continue to monitor and report on the incidents of political and domestic violence directed against women and children in South Africa;

7. Decides that the Commission on the Status of Women should remain seized of the question of women and children in South Africa;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.